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SUBJ: FOOD TRANSPORT: COTONOU-NIGERIA-NIGER

REF NIAMEY 2219

1. MOVEMENT OF GRAIN COTONOU-BIRNI-N'KONNI THROUGH NIGERIA
HAS STILL NOT RPT NOT BEGUN. AFTER SEVERAL FALSE ALARMS WHEN
ALL CONCERNED IN DAHOMEY WERE STANDING BY AWAITING ARRIVAL OF
TRUCKS, ALRAINE FINALLY GOT FIVE TRUCKS TO NIGERIAN BORDER
JULY 2. DESPITE FRG PROMISES FROM GOWON DOWNWARDS THAT OFFICIALS
AT BORDER WOULD BE INSTRUCTED FACILITATE SHIPMENTS AND WAIVE
FORMALITIES, TRUCKS WERE PREVENTED FROM CROSSING BORDER BY
NIGERIAN IMMIGRATION ON GROUNDS DRIVERS WERE NOT CARRYING PASS-
PORTS. OSRO REP LAGOS WAS ALERTED TO PROBLEM AND ASKED RESOLVE
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WITH FRG. WHEN EYBEN ARRIVED AGAIN AT BORDER THIS MORNING

TRUCKS HAD DISAPPEARED. OPERATION NOW AGAIN SUSPENDED PENDING ARRIVAL LAGOS OF PAGE AND STENEVSON OF OSRO WHO HOPE AGAIN RE-CONFIRM FRG PROMISE FACILITATE BORDER CROSSING OF TRUCKS.

2. AS RESULT OF SEVERAL FALSE ALARMS, SACOTRA HAS HAD TO PAY WORKERS TO STAND BY AWAITING TRUCKS WHICH HAVE NOT ARRIVED. COFFI OF SACOTRA HAS ASKED WHO WILL PAY THESE EXTRA COSTS. CAN RDO/NIAMEY AUTHORIZE SOME FORM OF COMPENSATION?

3. DIFFERENCE IN COSTS REQUESTED REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

COTONOU-NIGERIA-BIRNI-N'KONNI 18,600 CFA

COTONOU-PARAKOU-NIAMEY 13,600 CFA

DIFFERENCE 5,000 CFA

THUS, DIFFERENCE IN COST IS ABOUT \$20 (US) USING EXCHANGE RATE OF 250 CFA PER \$1.

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